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June 10, 2008

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'The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES:
REQUEST TO ACCEPT FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 CALIFORNIA ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT
PROGRAM CHILD CARE GRANT FUNDING AMENDMENTS NUMBER ONE AND TWO
FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
(ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (4 VOTES)

#### <u>SUBJECT</u>

Request the Chair to approve, adopt, and execute a Resolution certifying approval of the Board, authorizing the Director of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to sign and execute California Alternative Payment Program (CAPP) Agreement No. 7031 Amendments One and Two with the California Department of Education (CDE) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-08 funding for subsidized child care for children under the supervision of DCFS; approve a Request for Appropriation Adjustment to increase DCFS' Other Charges appropriation by \$927,000; and authorize the Director of DCFS, or designee, to complete, sign, and forward to CDE the amendments and continued funding application for FY 2008-09.

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve, adopt, and instruct the Chair to execute the attached Resolution (Attachment A). The Resolution certifies approval of the Board and authorizes the Director of DCFS to sign and execute CAPP Agreement No. 7031 with the CDE for FY 2007-08 funding for subsidized child care for children under the supervision of DCFS. The Resolution also certifies approval of the Board, and authorizes the Director to execute amendments to the Agreement to accept additional funding when available. The Agreement provides State funding and requires the County to meet a \$170,019 Maintenance of Effort (MOE). The Director will obtain County Counsel and Chief Executive Office (CEO) approval prior to executing amendments to the Agreement.

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- 2. Approve the attached Request for Appropriation Adjustment to increase DCFS' Other Charges appropriation by \$927,000 (Attachment B). The FY 2007-08 Adopted Budget was developed assuming CAPP funding of \$16,714,870; however, the CAPP funding now available is \$17,641,532. There is no net County cost (NCC) impact; the MOE remains the same and is included in the FY 2007-08 Adopted Budget.
- 3. Authorize the Director of DCFS, or designee, to complete, sign, and forward to CDE the CAPP continued funding application for next FY 2008-09.

#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

On January 31, 2006, your Board authorized the Director of DCFS, as its designee, to sign for all matters pertaining to CAPP Agreement No. 7031. With this approval, the Director signed the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for FY 2006-07. The recommended actions will allow DCFS to: 1) accept FY 2007-08 CAPP COLA augmentation funding in the amount of \$926,662 (Amendment One), 2) make the appropriate budget adjustment to reflect the COLA augmentation, 3) execute Amendment Two authorizing the CDE to reallocate unspent 2007-08 funds; and 4) apply for FY 2008-09 funding. This will enable DCFS to continue the subsidized child care program for children who are at risk of abuse. Failure to accept the COLA would result in the loss of \$926,662 in State funding.

In December 2007, CDE informed DCFS of the \$926,662 COLA augmentation to specifically increase the Department's child care service slots. Amendment One accepts this funding in FY 2007-08 so that the adjustment will become part of the CDE allocation for FY 2008-09 and beyond. Additionally, in March 2008, CDE projected that DCFS would under-spend its FY 2007-08 allocation by approximately \$2,000,000, and as a result, the CDE will be reallocating these funds to a Los Angeles County-based California Work Opportunities and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKS) child care agency (Child Care Resource Center) who had informed the CDE that it would have to disenroll 1,200 children if its funding was not augmented. The CDE informed DCFS that it is common practice to reallocate unspent funds from one agency to fund another agency's shortfall to ensure the best interest of the children are met. In exchange for the County's cooperation with this action, CDE committed to hold DCFS harmless for the under-utilization of available funding in FY 2007-08 and will fully fund the child care program in FY 2008-09 at the maximum level of \$17,641,562. Amendment Two reallocates this funding.

#### Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions are consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan Goals. The recommended actions will increase access to subsidized child care for children at risk of abuse or neglect (Goal 1: Service Excellence), and allow for full utilization of available funding (Goal 4: Fiscal Responsibility), as well as assisting needy families (Goal 5: Children and Families' Well-Being).

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#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The State/federal CAPP funding available at this time is \$17,641,532. The County's MOE for CAPP funding is \$170,019. Therefore, DCFS' child care program funding for FY 2007-08 is \$17,811,551. The FY 2007-08 Adopted Budget includes \$16,714,870 in State/federal funding and \$170,019 NCC for CAPP. The requested budget adjustment will increase Other Charges and State revenue by \$927,000 to reflect the funding currently available as identified in Amendment One. Amendment Two confirms the County's agreement with CDE to reallocate \$2,000,000 in FY 2007-08 funding. The reallocation will not impact any services for currently enrolled children in a child care program nor any new referrals received for the remainder of this FY.

The Agreement also provides for 100 percent reimbursement of Administrative costs provided total CAPP expenditures do not exceed \$16,714,870 and the Administrative costs do not exceed 15 percent of the program expenditures.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Agreement provides the funding for DCFS' child care program. Child care is made available to DCFS children who are assessed to be at a potential risk of abuse or neglect where they live. These children are with their birth parents, or for the first time, they are in the home of relative caregivers who are receiving the B-schedule foster care rate. The program assists in avoiding out-of-home placements when appropriate. It is also a safety net for the children who are placed with relatives for the first time and there might be a potential risk of abuse or neglect. The DCFS child care program served 5,126 children in FY 2005-06 and 273 children were on eligibility lists waiting to be processed.

The term of the Agreement with CDE is July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. The Agreement does not include the usual County required terms since the State is providing funding to the County and the contract is generated by the State. The CEO and County Counsel have reviewed this Board letter and the CAPP Agreement. The Agreement has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

#### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

No solicitation process was required.

#### IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

During the past year, approximately 337 new children were enrolled each month in the DCFS child care program. The CDE Agreement will allow DCFS to continue current child care services and to serve more children in FY 2007-08. The Department's goal is to serve 5,200 children in FY 2007-08.

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#### CONCLUSION

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, it is requested that the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors send:

- 1. The signed originals of the Resolution and the Budget Adjustment to DCFS, Fiscal Operations Division, Attn: Cynthia McCoy Miller, Budget Officer, 425 Shatto Place, Room 205, Los Angeles, CA 90020;
- 2. One copy of the adopted Board letter to DCFS, Attn: Robert Wiltse, Children Services Administrator III, DCFS Child Care Program, 12440 East Imperial Highway, Room 529, Norwalk, CA 90650;
- 3. One copy of the adopted Board letter to Auditor-Controller, Accounting Division, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Room 603, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012; and
- 4. One copy of the adopted Board letter to County Counsel's Office, Attn: Rose Belda, 201 Centre Plaza Drive, Suite 1, Monterey Park, CA 91754;

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA

Chief Executive Officer

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Attachments

c: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
Department of Children and Family Services

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# REQUEST TO ACCEPT FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 CALIFORNIA ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT (CAPP) PROGRAM CHILD CARE GRANT FUNDING AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE (COLA) AND AMENDMENT TWO FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

This resolution must be adopted in order to certify the approval of the Governing Board to enter into this transaction with the California Department of Education (CDE) for the purpose of providing child care and development services; and to authorize the designated personnel indicated below to accept Amendment One, an annual cost of living adjustment (\$926,662 for FY 2007-087) and Amendment Two, the reallocation of \$2,000,000 for FY 2007-08 from the California Alternative Payment Program (CAPP) funding; and to sign contract documents for CAPP funding for Fiscal Year 2007/08 and each subsequent fiscal year thereafter Provided sufficient net County cost is available to meet the Maintenance of Effort Requirement.

#### RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the County of Los Angeles

Authorizes the application for CAPP funding and entering into CAPP funding

Agreements with the CDE and that the person who is listed below, is authorized to

Sign the transaction for the Governing Board.

NAME

TITLE

SIGNATURE

Patricia S. Ploehn

Director, Department of Children and Family Services

The foregoing resolution was on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2008, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of

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APPROVED AS TO FORM BY COUNTY COUNSEL

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR. COUNTY COUNSEL

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#### COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

#### REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPT'S. No. 350

CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

2008

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

FY 2007-08 4 - VOTES

SOURCES

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

Increase State Revenue A01-CH-26200-8727

\$927,000 State-Pub Assist-Admin USES

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

Other Charges A01-CH-26200-5500

\$927,000

### JUSTIFICATION

This appropriation adjustment will increase Other Charges and State Revenue by \$927,000 to reflect the additional State California Alternative Payment Program (CAPP) funding now available. There is no net County cost impact.

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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APPROVED AS REQUESTED ACTION

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF		
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	OFFICER	FOR-

AS REVISED

RECOMMENDATION

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER BY

APPROVED (AS REVISED): BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

2008

BY

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK